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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

HIS SOUTHERN POLICY DEFENDED.

The Views of the Executive on Different Matters of Public Interest.

The following is a synopsis of the message of President Hayes, recently presented to Congress: The President congratulates the country that it has been blessed with health, peace and abundant harvests and the increasing prospects of the early return to general prosperity. The complete and permanent pacification of the country continues to be and must remain the most important of all our national interests. The measures adopted were most in harmony with the constitution and genius of our people, and best adapted under all circumstances to attain the end in view. The beneficent results prove that these efforts are not now regarded as mere experiments, and should sustain and encourage us in our efforts.

The discontinuance of the use of the army for the purpose of upholding local governments in two States of the Union was no less a constitutional duty and requirement under the circumstances existing at the time than it was a needed measure for the restoration of local self-government and the promotion of national harmony. The withdrawal of troops from such employment was effected deliberately and with solicited care for the peace and good order of society and the protection of the property and persons and every right of all classes of citizens. The effects that followed are indeed encouraging, resulting in concord, friendship, and patriotic attachment to the Union. The co-operation of all classes, races and sections is called upon to aid in handing down the free institutions of the government, unimpaired, to the generations that will succeed us.

On the silver question, the President holds the ground that both silver and gold ought to be utilized in the currency of the country, but he does not agree with those who would undertake to legislate that 90 or 92 cents' worth of silver shall pass or be receivable in place of 100 cents' worth of gold. The public debt of the country was contracted in the money of the world, and with the understanding that it should be paid, principal and interest, in the money of the world. He does not, therefore, favor any legislation that would force the creditors of the United States to receive in payment of what is due them any silver currency worth less than par in gold. The President declares his belief in the good policy of using both precious metals, but he states his opposition to any proposition that Congress shall exercise the power given it by the constitution to coin money and regulate the value thereof. The President is in favor of making silver a liberal subsidiary coin with a legal tender limit, somewhat greater than at present, but is not in favor of making it an unlimited legal tender. In treating of civil service reform, the President's message repeats in substance the opinions expressed in his inaugural address. There is not much prominence given to the subject. The condition of affairs on the Rio Grande frontier, as shown by official reports received by the administration, is briefly described, and the considerations which led to the order to the commanders of the United States troops to cross the river when in full pursuit of raiders and punish them on Mexican soil, are recited. While the President recognizes the delicacy of the position assumed by the government by the issue of that order, and is not unmindful of the fact that it may lead to serious international complications, he defends it on the ground that in no other way could the lives and property of our citizens be protected. He disclaims any intention or desire to provoke hostilities with the Mexican republic. The affairs of the War and Navy and Post Office Departments are not treated of at much length in the message. The recommendations of the heads of the departments are generally approved.

After a most anxious, careful examination, the President declared himself as more than ever confirmed in the opinion that he expressed in his letter of acceptance, and in his inaugural address, that the policy of resumption should be hurried by every suitable

means and that no legislation that would retard or postpone it ought to be enacted. He believes that any wavering in purpose, or unsteadiness in methods, instead of relieving the country from any of the inconveniences attendant upon a return to specie payments, would only aggravate and prolong the distress already caused by irredeemable paper currency and end in serious disaster and dishonor. The mischief which would result from any other policy than the one which will bring speedy resumption would not, he believes, be confined to any class of people, although he thinks the industrial masses would suffer more.

Secretary Sherman, in his report, does not ask for any additional legislation to enable him to carry the resumption act into effect, and the President, in his message, agrees with the Secretary of the Treasury. Congress was favorable to resumption and ready to assist the administration in bringing about specie payments. Some additional laws would be needed. The President agrees with the Secretary that resumption can be effected under the present laws by January, 1879, and also agrees to the wisdom of the policy of not asking for further legislation. The Secretary also holds that the resumption act of 1875 does not require the cancellation and destruction of the \$300,000,000 of United States notes which remain after the notes of the greenback currency have been reduced to that point, and that it may be left in circulation for awhile, being always exchangeable at the sub-treasuries for gold coin.

CLEOPATRA'S COSTUME.

A pointed crown of gold glittered on a work-table in a private parlor of the Coleman House into which a reporter was ushered on sending up his card to Rose Eytinge. It served to recall the purpose of his visit, which had grown somewhat dim and indistinct under the greot- ing glance of the new Cleopatra's flashing dark eyes.

"Good evening, madam," said the reporter, about to seat himself—he is somewhat short-sighted—on some needlework which the lady had evidently laid aside when she arose to receive her visitor.

"Good even—not there, please. Take this seat," said the actress, with one majestic sweep of the arm removing the reporter from his insecure position, half standing, half sitting, and with the other catching up the menaced danger, which had an eye, softly bright, and was watched.

There was a pause—composed on the part of the lady, a slight perspiration and speechless gratitude as concerned the reporter.

"Can I serve you in any way?" queried Cleopatra, calmly.

The reporter was about to remark that if a life of gratitude for what she had already averted, if devotion, undying, deep—but the pointed crown recalled him.

"I read in a paper," he remarked, "that when the dressmaker intrusted with making your costumes for Cleopatra went to see Picou's painting, to which she was referred for suggestions, she came away saying that the whole matter might be more properly referred to a jeweller. I have been sent to ask—"

It might have been fancy, but the reporter thought that at this moment the lady's face was convulsed with laughter. He paused.

"Pray continue," said Cleopatra, "you have been sent to ask—?"

"Why?"

"Why? yes, m'm."

"I infer," said the actress, "that you are not familiar with Picou's painting of Cleopatra."

The reporter confessed his ignorance, and a creepy, uncomfortable feeling came over him as the thought entered his mind that perhaps he had trodden on dangerous ground.

"What—is—the costume?" he managed to say. "Why should a jeweller have been mentioned in connection with the matter? Of what—does—it—consist?" he blurted out, getting warm.

Cleopatra rose to her full height and the word came from her lips with unmistakable clearness:—

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